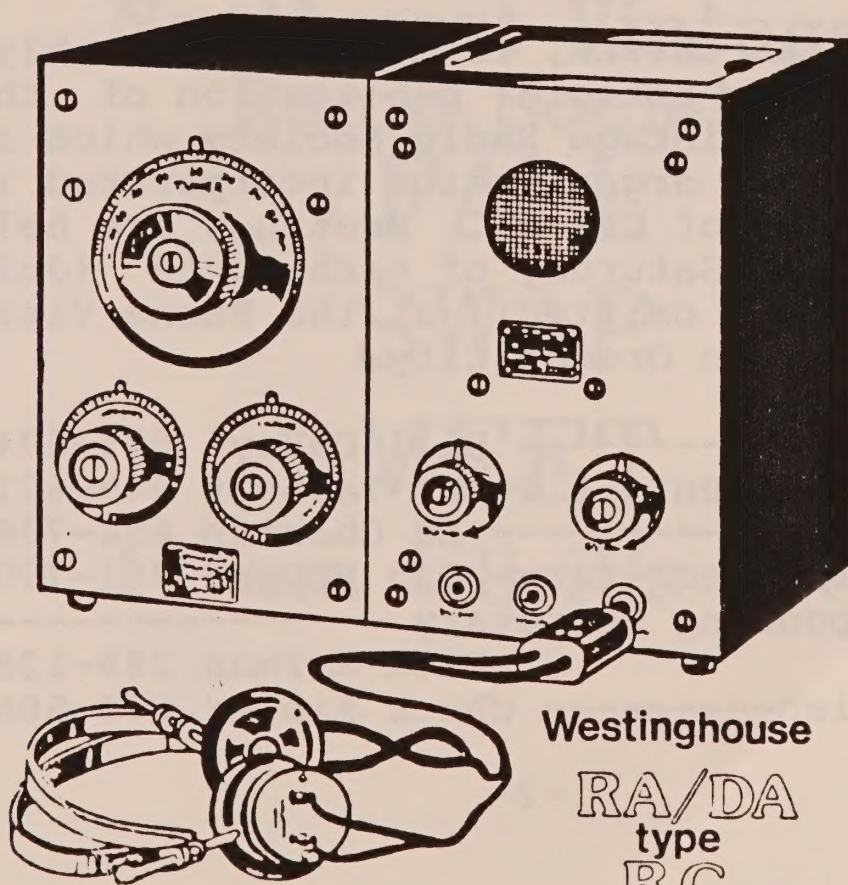


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November

DATE : November 8th, 1986
TIME : 11:00 ===== NOTE NEW TIME
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets
Oregon City, Oregon

There won't be much more than confirming the Nominations for the December ballot in the business line. (Thanks to our president, much of that was gotten out of the way last month.)

After the short business meeting begins,

The 11th Annual Northwest Vintage Radio Society FALL SWAP MEET

11 am till it's over



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The Hungry "I"

I don't have time for meals
while making restoration "hay".
Besides I'm building up an appetite
to use Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Past

I have an A-K in my shop . . .
a turkey for sure, but remember,
It's not the sort you'd call for
on the twenty-fifth of November!

Bark's Worse Than Bite

I showed my old radios to Boggs,
(He'd been famous as a sawyer of logs.)
And serious was he,
When he said to me,
"Where did you find these old dogs?"

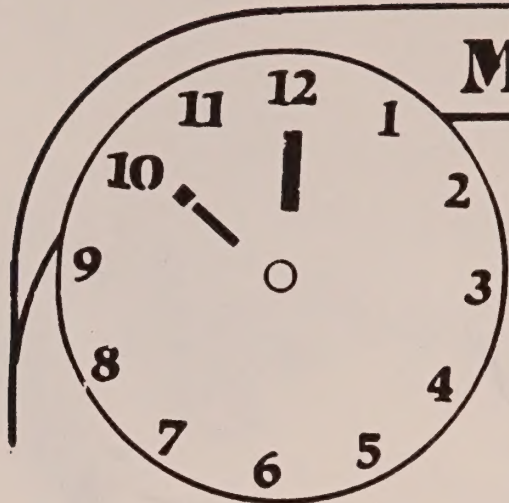
From the Tom James Collection
Originally from November 1976

If your wife is
having trouble
with the "hobby
room" ---



It's Time for a trip
to the Fall Swap Meet !

Meeting Minutes



The October 11, 1986 meeting of the North-West Vintage Radio Society was called to order by Pres. Bill Devey at 11:00 am. The minutes of the Sept. 13th meeting were ap-

proved as published in the **CALL LETTER**.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted. The current balance is 740.05

Old Business:

No good and welfare offered.

Members discussed measures which could be taken to improve the club house. Making doors more secure and improving the interior lighting were two of the more important topics.

Chuck & Bobbie Kibbler were recognized and thanked for their long service to the society.

New Business:

November SWAP MEET flyers were distributed. Revamping the contest committee was discussed. Members wishing to participate in the committee should contact Jerry Talbott or Jim Mason.

The December meeting was discussed. The club house committee was authorized to purchase refreshments for the December meeting from society funds. For those who wish to participate there will be a gift exchange at the December meeting. Gifts are suggested to be radio related and cost no more than 3 dollars.

Nominations were taken for society officers for 1987.

Leads and needs were given and the meeting adjourned at 11:49.

Dan Howard, Recording secretary.

-October in retrospect-

The fall weather and the promise of winter coming may have prompted many vintage radio buffs to attend the October meeting. A successful crystal set competition helped also.

Both first and third place ribbons in the Crystal set contest went to Sonny Clutter. First place for his Murdock assembled set; third place for his Home Radio Receiver (in it's original box). Dan Wills was awarded the 2nd place ribbon for his Uncle Al's Miracle Receiver.

Apart from the contest & the good times of talking and "swapping lies" about the radio that got away, there was a healthy attitude of involvement. The floor was open for nominations for society officers, and for the first time in this writer's remembrance, we didn't have to "pull teeth" to fill some of the ballots the offices filled.

Among those who let their hat fall in the ring were Ray Nelson, Dan Wills, and Sonny Clutter for President. Jim Mason, Bob Haye, and Al Shadduck accepted "the nod" for vice president. Norris Jackson and Dan Howard are on the slate for recording secretary. Bob Teague was given the opportunity to run against incumbent Ed Charman for treasurer, but it is possible that Bob will run uncontested (to date) for corresponding secretary instead.

As was mentioned earlier, the meeting did not lack involvement. The set up/clean up committee is to be commended for their work and several tasks were set aside to make the club house more enjoyable.

Lastly, those who have contributed materials to the **CALL LETTER** are much appreciated. The time taken to consider a subject and write an article makes the editor's job just that much easier.

Francis H. McCann

"MAC"

by Dick Howard

On October 10, 1906 in Rockford Illinois, a young lad was born with electricity in his veins. At the same time that Lee DeForest was trying to figure a way to use the amplifier for profit, young Francis entered the home of a telegrapher for the Milwaukie railroad.

By 1912, when the McCann family followed the railroad west to Butte Montana, American (land)Morse was becoming a part of his life. Inevitably the McCanns moved west. First, to Spokane, then to Bellingham in 1914, and to Sand Point Idaho n 1918 where "Mac" would attend high school, edit the Sand Point Bulletin, & met his lovely wife Irene who also worked for the newspaper.

Mac was first licensed as a Ham (7AJQ) in 1927. A clipping from the "Bulletin" of 1927 tells of his construction of a "receiver especially designed to receive the GE station 'WGY' Schenectady, New York", which was carrying the heavy weight fight between Gene Tunney and Tom Heeney. The receiver was set up in Gardiner Furniture Store for all to hear.

On September 27th, 1929 Mac received the call sign KGKX and established the second station in Northern Idaho. With 15 watts

on 1420 Kc, it outclassed the 10 watt peanut whistle in Kellogg. "The station was easily heard not only in Sand Point, but all over Banner County."

1931 brought a move to the University of Washington but the depression cut short his studies. When he and Irene married in 1934 it was decided that Mac would return to school, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Gonzaga University in 1936 and continuing in Spokane with a position at KHQ.

In 1940 again the McCanns moved west. This time to the FCC monitoring station in Portland. In 1944 Mac was commissioned a Lt. JG in the United States Navy.

At the end of the war it was back to Portland and the FCC where he succeeded Joe Hallock, W7YA as engineer in charge in 1960, serving in that capacity until his retirement in 1975. His "John Hancock" appears on many a commercial ticket including several of mine.

In recent years Mac's poor health curtailed his activity, but he often attended meetings of Marconi's Cronies, and Society of Wireless Pioneers.

Mac became a "silent key" on August 20, 1986 and is survived by his wife, son and four grandchildren. Irene still monitors the 75 meter "Geritol Net" which she always tuned for him.

73s Mac . . .

N.W. V.R.S. and KBPS

On October 28th, Andy Bell and Dick Karman had the honor of representing our society at a reception given by supports of National Public Broadcasting station KBPS.

On short notice, our society was asked if it could provide a small historical display which would, in part, commemorate the birth-place of KBPS. This was because the site selected for the reception was the original location of the station before it was sold to Benson Poly-tech in 1923. It is a very impressive home at the corner of NE 22nd & Hancock street.

Using very few pieces, our society pulled together to "install" an exceptional display of radio equipment and justly depicted the vintage years.

Dick Howard provided his Hallock & Watson transmitter, and a superb double button carbon microphone complete with floor stand and 20 foot cable. Andy Bell contributed a button mic with a table stand, and a 1924 Kenedy battery set to the display. Jim Mason allowed us to display his Westinghouse "RA-DA" and a Western Electric Horn.

As Andy & Dick met many influential people from our area, they were also graced with stories from several historians which dated back to Sarnof, the origin of RCA, and the like. Guests included the president of the National Public Broacasting corporation from Washington D.C., city commissioners and school board members.

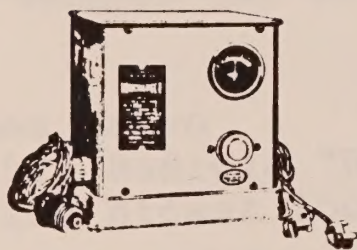
It was a credit to the society to be able to assemble the display & have members there.



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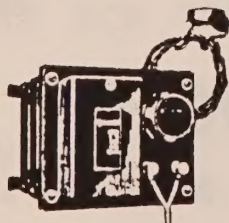
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Sonny Clutter

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SWAP SHOP

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Mail membership information and dues to the **Northwest Vintage Radio Society** P.O. Box 02379, Portland Oregon, 97202

Membership includes monthly newsletters, ten monthly meetings (all except July & August), two swap meets and two auctions each year, as well as a trading roster of members, and unlimited "unclassified" ads in the **CALL LETTER**.